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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Sonic.net is a local provider of internet and phone service. I signed up with them several years ago because they were a competitive alternative to AT&T and Comcast and they are locally owned.

Over the years I stayed with them because their plans for my neighborhood included offering fiber internet in the near future. Even though AT&T and Comcast were offering higher speed DSL service, I stayed with Sonic and waited for their fiber service. Sonic came through with their promise. I upgraded to Sonic's gigabit fiber internet service as soon as it was available. And they offered it a price that was less than the major's inferior DSL service.

It is critically important to support local smaller internet service providers. I feel fortunate that Sonic stuck it out, fought the system, and brought affordable high speed internet service to our town.

Thank you.

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